

**Regional Service Council Minutes
Region # 9**

Meeting Date: 9/28/07

Meeting Location: Hendricks County Dept. of Child Services
6781 E US Hwy. 36, Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Kandi Killin - Director, Boone County CASA/GAL, Steve Vaughn - Director, Montgomery County DCS, Jana Minks - Montgomery County DCS, Tim Miller - Director, Morgan County DCS, Harmony Gist - Morgan County DCS, Barbara South - Director, Putnam County DCS, and Char Burkett-Sims - DCS, Region 9 Regional Manager

Guests Present:

Kamilla Aeschliman - Boone County DCS, Mark Fairchild - Community Partners for Child Safety, Carmen Young - Resource

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM

Practice Indicator Statistics for August '07:

- The type of placements made for children in Region 9 for the period of July 2007-August 2007 is as follows:

Own Home:	33.48%
Relative:	11.83%
Foster Care:	41.62%
Residential:	8.18%

- The average totals of the absence of repeat county for the period of July 2007 - August 2007 are as follows:

Hendricks:	95.72%
Boone:	90.70%
Montgomery:	87.27%
Morgan:	83.57%
Putnam:	81.44%

Child Welfare Services Allocation:

- An additional \$32,000 has been allocated to Region 9 Counties for primary prevention. However, to access these funds, one of the Counties in the Region needs to serve as a fiscal agent. Andrea will pursue the possibility of Hendricks County serving in that role.
- The funds will not be available until January '08. The county serving as the fiscal agent will need to be able to acquire an additional appropriation from the County Council in order to receive funding.
- Primary prevention activities are those that address the needs of individuals who have not had child abuse or neglect allegations substantiated. Examples of programs or activities that would qualify for use of funds are the Community

Partners for Child Safety program, educational materials, resource directories, parenting classes, Kids Fairs, etc.

- A discussion occurred regarding the use of the Child Welfare Services Dollars to expand the Systems of Care services within the Region.
 - The availability of Child Welfare Services funds for Systems of Care would have to be explored on a case by case basis.
 - Many families receiving Systems of Care services have been involved in the child welfare system and as such would not be eligible for this funding source.
 - However, Child Welfare Services Account funds could be used for children with developmental or behavioral needs who have not been involved in the child welfare system.

IV-B Funding Transfer Requests:

- Marion County is short 20,000 for Adoption Services. Hendricks County is in good financial position to transfer these funds to Marion County.
 - Request to the Regional Services Council to approve the transfer of funds from Hendricks County to Marion County.
 - Seven members voted in favor of the transfer. More votes are needed as there were not enough members present for a quorum.
- Putnam County has requested to transfer funds to any county who is in need.
 - Montgomery County has requested \$6,398.75 to be transferred from Putnam County to Montgomery County for Families United.
 - Seven members voted in favor of transfer. More votes are needed as there were not enough members for a quorum.
- Request to transfer \$3000 of IV-B 1 from Montgomery to Putnam.
 - Seven members voted in favor of transfer. More votes are needed as there were not enough members for a quorum.

General Discussion:

Community Partners for Child Safety:

- Mark Fairchild discussed how the program continues to be going very strong. As of today there have been 44 referrals and there are currently 65 cases. The program is close to capacity with 12-15 cases per staff.

Resource:

- Carmen Young gave a presentation on the facility. Resource is a strength/family based individualized and culturally competent program serving ages 8-18 with IQ's ranging in the 70's and up.
- They do accept Medicaid and they are a IV-E eligible provider.
- They are lock secured with a psychiatric residential facility. They serve a broad spectrum of needs. There is a clinical Team with a psychiatrist who sees the children once per week.
- They do not use a level or point system. They have phases in which the children are in charge of self- promotion, getting a whole new perspective of what treatment means to them.
- They have a very strong Independent Living Program for age 16 and up. They also have a Substance Abuse program. The basic length of stay is 8-9 weeks for the program; however, there is a more intensive treatment for significant issues and addictions. There is also an aftercare process with "checks and balances" of treatment.

- Referrals are done within a day, usually 8 hours. They would like to have a copy of any psychiatric evaluations and any history on the child if available.

Meeting Dates:

The date of the meetings will continue to be scheduled for 1:30 PM on the 4th Friday of each month at the Hendricks County DCS Office

Next Meeting:

Date: 11.16.07

Location: Hendricks County DCS Office

Time: 1:30 PM

Meeting concluded at 2:40 PM